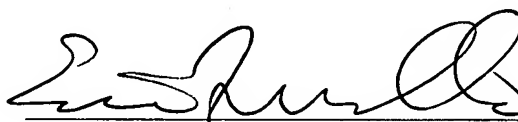


Remarks

Claims 1-22 are now pending in this application. Applicants have amended the claims to delete multiple dependencies to reduce the filing fee. Applicants have also deleted reference characters. The present invention is not limited to any particular embodiment shown or described herein. Furthermore, Applicants have amended the claims to bring the claim format more in line with standard U.S. practice.

Respectfully submitted,

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